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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6668

BILL NUMBER: HB 1068

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 11, 2010

BILL AMENDED: Jan 25, 2010

SUBJECT: Access to Handgun License Information.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Welch

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Walker

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill provides that, for purposes of the law concerning access to public records: (1) information submitted by a person to obtain or renew a license to carry a handgun; (2) information obtained by a federal, state, or local government entity in the course of an investigation concerning a person who applies to obtain or renew a license to carry a handgun; and (3) the name, address, and any other information that may be used to identify a person who holds a license to carry a handgun; is confidential, may not be published, and is not open to public inspection.

It specifies that: (1) any information concerning an applicant for or a person who holds a license to carry a handgun may be released to a federal, state, or local government entity for law enforcement purposes or to determine the validity of a license to carry a handgun; or (2) general information concerning the issuance of licenses to carry handguns in Indiana may be released to a person conducting journalistic or academic research but only if all personal information that could disclose the identity of any person who holds a license to carry a handgun has been removed from the general information.

It also provides that the period during which an application for the renewal of an existing handgun license may be filed begins 365 days (instead of 180 days) before the date the license expires.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Indiana State Police (ISP) have handgun license information in electronic database form. It is not expected that redacting information to remove the identity of any person would increase costs.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Local law enforcement units that do not have an automated system may incur costs to redact information released for journalistic or academic research. The cost will depend on the amount of data requested and the resources available to redact identifying information. Some costs may be offset by fees the agency is allowed to charge under the law concerning access to public records.

Background: The ISP is in the process of assisting local sheriffs to automate handgun license information. Currently, 27 counties have an automated system. The remaining counties are expected to be automated by the first quarter of next year.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement issuing handgun permits.

Information Sources:

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